

Shatford on Avon,
June 4. 5th

Dear Mr. Collier,

I am indeed truly sorry
to have been unavoidably prevented
earlier replying to your last kind
note.

Various circumstances have occurred
to prevent my doing so, and when I
mention to you that indisposition
has been one of the chief causes, I
am quite sure I may rely upon
your kind indulgence being extended
to me.

I can hardly express to you
the pleasure I have derived from
being solicited by the Committee of

the Royal Shakespearean Club to transmit to you the enclosed vote of thanks for your great kindness in presiding so ably at our late intellectual gathering in honor of the "Bard of Immortality."

You have too golden opinions from all who were interested in the proceedings, and the day will long be remembered as one of the, if not the, most brilliant Shakespeare Anniversaries.

I have also ventured to enclose you a letter, for your perusal, which was handed to me a few days ago by the Rev. W. Madwin, and I

have no doubt the suggestion of
the Lady will meet with your cordial
concurrency. She is prepared to
present a sum to the Trustees, to
aid the cause she has so deeply
at heart, in the way of purchasing
debts as soon as the loans are in
a fit condition to receive them.

There is now every chance of
something being done to the Abode,
for Mr. Barry paid a visit to
Harrow yesterday, and is to give
in his report in a few days. A very
much upset I was not enabled
to meet him.

Pray accept the assurances of my
Sincere regard, and believe me
S. Payne (Other Ep.) very faithfully yours
Henry Kingsley.

